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Sir:
This is in response to the Office Action dated 10 April 2003; please enter the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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-Please amend the claims as follows:

21. An anchoring apparatus for use in a tubular member disposed in a wellbore, the apparatus comprising:

-a top swage member;

30 -a first cylindrical anchoring member disposed about said top swage member, said first cylindrical anchoring member being made of a metal harder than the tubular member, said first anchoring member containing a first plurality of expandable circumferential ribs formed thereon; wherein said first plurality of circumferential ribs at least partially embedding in the tubular member to form a substantially metal-to-metal seal with the tubular member and being free of an elastomeric seal;